May I then beg your interest: either in the shape of a letter to me or to President Eisenhower, or to prominent Americans whom you may know. Also in particular, will you spread knowledge of this situation in your own country, among your friends and in the public press so as to secure as wide cooperation as possible and start organized effort in Europe to free the victimes of the Smith Act.

I am, dear Dr. Wasilkowski

Your obedient servant

W.E.B.DuBois

(Ph.D.,Harvard University, Member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters; Prizewinnér of the World Council of Peace, 1953)

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

DuBois to Dr. Wasilkowski March 4, 1954

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

DuBois to J. D. Bernal, March 4. 1954. For complete form letter.

2335 N. College Ave.
Philadelphia, Penna.
April 15, 1954

Mr. W. E. B. Dubois
23 W. 26th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubois:

On February 17th I was called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. I refused to answer all questions other than those that dealt with identity. I am inclosing the two statements that I have issued to the press since the above date. The second one was issued when the Committee voted to have me cited for contempt.

This week I received the formal notice of the charges preferred against me by Dr. Louis Hoyer, superintendent of the Philadelphia Public Schools. I will not quote them as they are substantially the same as those preferred against all other teachers. There are three basic variations, in my case. One, when called in by Dr. Hoyer on October 15, 1952, I answered all of his questions. He stated at that time that my answers were satisfactory. Second, when called before the Committee I invoked the 1st Amendment exclusivedly. Third, my case is not being directed or supported by any organization.

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It is my intention to have my hearing before the Board open to the public. I would like very much to have you attend as an ovserver. Please understand that I am not asking you by your presence or by any other action to support or indorse my position. It is, however, my confirmed belief that the general public has the right and duty to witness and hear the teacher's side of this affair.

I cannot at this time say when my hearing will be held. The scheduling is at the discretion of the Board. In the past 'hearing dates' have been listed in the newspapers. I will, if you are interested personally inform you of the date.

Trusting that you will find it convenient to be present at my hearing, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Goldie E. Watson

Goldie E. Watson

[Enc.]

Goddie E. Watson
2335 N. College Ave.
Philadelphia, Penna.
February 17, 1954

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today, I was called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. I refused to answer any questions relating to my political beliefs or my organizational associations. My refusal was based exclusively on the grounds of my rights of free speech, assembly and association as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. I specifically refused to invoke the Fifth Amendment, not because the founders of our great country intended tha t it should suggest any guilt on the part of persons who used it, but because the newspapers and the radio have created an atmosphere of suspicion and guilt in regards to all persons who use it protections.

Since the Dies Committee was first formed in 1938, I have consistently and publicly taken the position that this committee is not really concerned with subversion. Certainly it has never investigated any person or organization subverting the rights of Negro americans, and it has not introduced a single Bill to help our people secure equality.

I have always maintained that this Committee desired to destroy the First Amendment from which all of our rights flow. Without freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of association, there is no political freedom and, therefore, no possibility of carrying on an effective fight for jobs and equality.

The persistent threat of a jail sentence by the acting chairman of the Committee could not induce me to change this position.

Goldie E. Watson
2335 N. College Ave.
Philadelphia, Penna.
March 4, 1954

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I can only hope and pray that the stand that I have taken will awaken Negro Americans to the real threat to democracy.

If our rights as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment to the Constitution continue to be violated, my people will find it impossible to continue the struggle for fist class citizenship and complete equality.

April 27, 1954

Miss Goldie B. Watson
2335 N. College Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Watson:

I have your letter of April 15 and am in complete agreement with your stand.

It will probably be impossible for me to be present at your hearing. At the same time, I will be glad to know where and when it takes place.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

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655 Pelham Parkway Bronx N Y
February 21 1954

Dr W E B Du Bois
31 Grace St
Brooklyn N Y

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

By coincidence I happened to be reading a short biography of yourself today in the book '13 Against the Odds'; and noted that we are on the eve of your birthday.

I am therefore happy that the moment affords me an opportunity to offer our congratulations on the splendid achievements of your fruitful career, and to express our very best wishes for your enjoyment of many more birthdays--always happier and happier.

We hope that the pleasure of seeing and hearing you publicly will continue for a long, long time to come.

Sincerely
Perry B Weiss

February 25, 1954

Mr. Perry B. Weiss
655 Pelham Parkway
Bronx, New York

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I appreciate your kind letter of

February 21st.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

May 6, 1954

Miss Gene Weltfish

My dear Gene:

Shirley and I have wanted to hear from you for some time, but Shirley has been very busy on her book which has just been turned in, and we both were away three weeks in the Caribbean.

Please let us hear from you and arrange, if you can, to drop in and have dinner with us.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

1990 College Circle
Jacksonville 4, Fla.
November 15, 1954

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
2417 N. Pulaski
Baltimore, Md.

picture sent Dec 7/54

Dear Sir;

I am a ninth grade student of the James Weldon Junior High School, of Jacksonville, Florida, and our class is working on a project in which we are giving the history of some of the prominent figures of the Negro race.

I selected your name from a group of names given to us, and I would appreciate it very much if you would

- send me some information about your work.

If you are too busy to do so, please let me know where I may secure such information.

If you have a photo of yourself that I may have, please send it.

Thank you very kindly for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Geraldine White

February 16, 1954

Mr. Doxey Wilkerson
Jefferson School
575 Sixth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

My dear Doxey:

I had expected to see you Sunday night but you were not there.

I am pretty busy, almost too busy, during this Negro History Week to have a talk with you, and I hope to be able to spend two or three weeks in the Virgin Isles during March.

Before I go, or immediately upon return, I want to talk to you again about this office and its rent. I am painfully aware of the predicament in which you and your friends must be, and at the same time I am in a very critical phase of my own work and want to know pretty certainly concerning the future.

So please call me sometime and let's arrange a conference.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

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November 11, 1954

Mr. Doxey Wilkerson
Jefferson School
575 - 6 Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Doxey:

I have received a receipt from Fred Fields for another installment on my rent from you and your friends.

May I thank you very much, and hope that in your kind effort to help me, you are not hurting any more worthy causes.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

September 10, 1954

Mrs. Charlotte Williams
Williams Pharmacy
2155 Seventh Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

My wife, Shirley Graham, and myself want to join in expressing our deep sorrow at the death of your husband.

Such an honest and hard-working man will be greatly missed in these days.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

June 8, 1954

Mrs. Frances Williams
c/o Mr. Carlton Moss
P.O. Box 1985
Hollywood 28, California

My dear Frances:

Of course I forgot to get your address and have only the telephone number, but I hasten to write and thank you deeply for your hospitality. That dinner and your home were most enjoyable.

My trip back was perfect and I am at work again, with some of the better parts of your California climate which I brought with me.

Shirley joins me in love and best wishes.

Yours with love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

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It is with deepest sorrow that we announce
the death of

Dr Oscar H. Williams

on Mon. Sept 6th 1954

Services will be held

Fri Sept 10th at 11 AM

from St Martins P.E. church
230 Leroy ave

over

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East Gym

3032 S. Wabash Ave
Chicago 16, Illinois
11 March 1954

Dear Dr. Du Bois—

I hand you herewith an article I've done for Phylon, at the request of its editor. Some long time ago I wrote the Atlanta inquiring of its editor if he would be interested in a piece on my Domestic Colonial thesis as being the true nature of the hellish situation we Negro, Spanish-speaking, and Indian peoples of the United States find ourselves. He said he definitely was. I did not submit a manuscript frankly because I was afraid—afraid of my own thoughts spread out on its pages at this time in our country's history. However in January I was in Atlanta on my way back to Chicago from Miami where I attended our Alpha Phi Alpha Convention and (incidently where I went for the primary purpose of getting the fraternity to adopt as its major program emphasis help to our African kinsmen in their tragic but noble fight for Freedom and Equality—I succeeded to some extent). While there on A.U.'s campus I thought about you and what you started there some fifty-odd years ago. Mozell Hill invited me to lecture one of his classes. I accepted, and centered my presentation

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around two themes: the domestic colonial nature of our problem and the causes and manifestations of social disorganization in Chicago's or any other metropolitan Negro community which is but a reflection or one indicia of our colonial situation. Hill liked what I said and best of all his brighter students comprehended and agreed so readily and enthusiastically with my position. Accordingly when he asked me to do a piece for Phylon I said yes — out of the honor and respect I have for you. I told him he has the first shot at it, but that if the college didn't want to honor you as I would have them then I would reopen negotiations with the Atlantic.

I ask your candid criticism of the position and of its presentation.

I am also inclosing a copy of my '54 Annual report in which you will find another concept of mine indicated in the opening paragraphs. This too I'd love to have your evaluation.

27-6-55

With love and deep respect

Sidney Williams

[1954]

Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 North Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Thursday
March 5th

Dearest Pops -

Welcome back! I received your letter saying ye were on yer way & the one the other day announcing your return. I'm sure glad I knew ye were back again. Did ye get Shirley's glass I sent ye? I'm sorry to hear that ye had a miserable trip. Did ye have a nice birthday? We were thinking about ye & wishing we had known where to send a message -

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There [illegible]

[illegible] "Peace Pipe" that's grand. I was wondering who same one was going to get around to it.

We see D he getting along fairly well. D Bro is still doing well in school. She hopes to expect to "go over" as "Delta Sigma Theta" this spring. She had the "Virus flu" for a week.

Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 North Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dr. Diggs gave her some shots. She was miserable for awhile but snapped back quickly. I missed it! However I felt some ice & hurt my ankle. Way late — 2 or 3 weeks later it became all swollen & Dr. Diggs had to work on that for 2 weeks. It was so slow it takes me 2 weeks to swell up! However I was more worried about my heart & pressure

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since Dr. Digg has been after them. I think he's concluded the nerves are the pressure jumps up & down - he thinks no organic trouble: the heart. Nerves - old age!

My finances are coming along. If I can get summer school by this time next year I'll be out of the woods.

When ye have had time to get your breath I'll send a list of those family photos ye promised to return to me (Ha-ha!)

Photo enclosed of Sherley - age - Welcome back -

Lots of love -

Yolande.

April 12, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Md.

Dear Yolande:

I am returning the slippers under separate cover. Enclosed is the outline of my left foot.

I am sorry to have made you so much trouble.

Shirley and I join in love.

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

April 26, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 North Pulaski St.
Baltimore, 17, Maryland

Dear Yolande:

First, thank you so much for the Easter flower. It was nice of you to send it. But sometime go to the man through whom you telegraphed it and tell him that the flower which he delivered was not worth the money. It died within 12 hours after we received it. It ought to have lasted two or three weeks.

I have just got back from a weekend up in Croton at a lovely home. I want to tell you about Shirley's latest adventure.

You know she has been raising a scholarship fund for Hope Foye, a young colored singer. Paul Robeson and some other people who promised to help went back on her but Shirley stuck to the job and raised a scholarship of $2700, and that, with the scholarship from the Conservatory of Music in Mexico ought to allow her to study there two years.

Shirley thought it her duty to go and see her off at the plane, so she took a cab to Idlewild and the time for the departure of the plane approached and no Hope in sight. Then finally, here comes Hope and her too children, a little girl 4 and a baby in arms, ashen and crying, saying that she left her tickets home.

So Shirley appealed to the agent and he said that really, he could do nothing about the tickets, and Shirley told him he must. He knows the tickets have been bought, and the girl simply must take the plane. Finally Shirley prevailed on him.

The stewardess came and they are all loaded with bundles and Shirley has the baby. So then she asked if she could take the baby abroad and he said no, it's against the rules. Shirley asks "Where can I leave the baby, here on the platform?" He throws up his hands and says "Take it aboard! It's against the rules but go on!"

So Hope Foye is now in Mexico, we hope...

With love,

DB:lh

W.E.B. Du Bois

April 29, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Yolande:

The slippers came. They are beautiful and fit perfectly.

Thank you so much for them.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

27-7-16

[May 4, 1954]

Yolande DuBois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Tuesday

Dearest Pops —

Glad the slippers fit at last!

This note to say that Edith shd not get her book Remember — Edythe Dorsey Myers — as I was not sent 27-1-13 cover to put a personal autograph in for her — since she is related

& which I have very fine
& secondly she's my
supervisor & has been
very kind & considerate.
D-D ?- ever send
the pictures:—

(1) → 3 Group pictures &
Banquet - Atlanta

(2) → 3 Group pictures &
Banquet - New York

(3) Originals or copies of family pictures
sent up at time movie was made
thanks for looking them up
Lots of love
Yolande

May 17, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore, 17, Maryland

Dear Yolande,

I sent the book to Edith and the banquet pictures to you by insured post some time ago. I can find only one receipt, which I am enclosing, but I think I have the others somewhere, if I can only run across them.

I am terribly sorry that these have not reached you.

I am sending another autographed book to Edith. I am also returning your "Lord Vanity."

We are well and hope that this will find you well.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

June 8, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore, 17, Md.

My dear Yolande:

I am home from my trip to Los Angeles after a perfectly miraculous voyage. I started at one o'clock on June 1st, arriving in Los Angeles about seven. Of course you must allow for difference of time. Coming back I started on the morning of the 7th at eight and arrived here at six. Both voyages were uneventful but gorgeous and I am enclosing a menu.

I hope you are keeping well and trying not to overwork or to worry. Shirley is in good shape and joins me in best love.

Yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

June 25, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Md.

My dear Yolande:

Thank you so much for the cufflinks and pin which you sent me. I shall wear them this summer.

I hope that you are not too tired and worn out. The heat has just struck us and we are squirming a bit under it.

Last night I went to a reception given to the Russian chess players. It was very interesting. They beat the Americans 20--10.

They not only play chess, but two of them are finished vocalists and one plays the piano magnificently.

Shirley and I are spending the weekend in Croton.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

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[c. July 18, 1954]

Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Sunday Night.

Dearest Papa,

Well I trust the heat wave didn't treat you people as badly as it did us. One day last week it was 100 degrees! Today we had some much needed rain and now it's muggy.

Summer school is half over - three more weeks to go. I was planning to come up for a day or so in August but it depends on the weather. I feel so horrible in the extreme heat, I guess I'm tired. I would still like to make that trip to Great Barrington to see Mamma's grave when you can go along, but because of the heat perhaps Thanksgiving would be a better time than summer. What do you think?

I enjoyed your letter about the trip and the card and the menu. Dorothy examined the latter in detail and felt envious.

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Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Edythe got the book safely and was very glad to have it , BUT it is the wrong one! Remember her giving you $5.00? That was for the anniversary edition of "The SOULS of BLACK FOLK" ,and she wanted it autographed by you besides the autograph that is already in the book. Hope that is all clear and I hate to bother you again but I promised to get it straight for her.

Now about the banquet pictures; I don't think they got lost in the mail. I got one which you set but I guess you did't find the others. I saw them when I was in the office - Two of the Atlanta banquet and two of the New York banquet. Maybe we can locate them when I come up and I can maybe make some arrangements to have some copies made of the fi

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Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

family pictures I sent up . I am trying to get my photos and mementoes put together and catalogued in some tangible form.

By the way, thanks so much for returning the novel - "Lord Vanity".

We are quite annoyed in the neighborhood because they are going to build a stadium for high school games on the campus opposite when Douglass takes over the school next fall. I understand there will be a protest but since its done by the school board that will be rather futile . Also this is a truck route now! All this along with the shopping center to be built over the way , well things are getting a little thick hereabouts! Makes me wish for peaceful Morgan Park. I was out there the the other to see Ruth Burgess. She

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Mrs. Yolande DuBois-Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

asked for you. So did Gregory Hawkins. He is back and was by here one evening. Just between us he is definitly NOT alright yet. I was a bit scared of him.

Did I tell you that some one tried to break in again? That lock you told me to get was a good idea. They smashed the glass in the front door but couldn't open the door when they reached in. They broke a front window too but they were nailed shut and I guess it was too exposed to work on long. The police have promised to notice the house since its empty all day.

27-1-8

the windows -

I do hope you appreciate my attempt at typing. Since I'd owed you a letter for so long I thought I'd better make it legible

Hope you're keeping well and having a pleasant summer.

Lots of love to you and Shirley,

Yolande

July 23, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois-Williams
2417 N. Pulaski Street
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Yolande:

I am glad you have some respite from the summer heat.

The special edition of "Souls of Black Folk", selling at $5, differs from the edition sent Edythe only in having my autograph pasted in. I am accordingly sending you the slip to be pasted with my autograph. I hope this will straighten out all difficulties. If not, write me again.

I will look around just as soon as I can and see if I can find any more of the pictures to send you and have some of the duplicates made.

I am glad to hear Gregory Hawkins is back. Give him my regards.

Congratulations on your defenses against burglars.

As to Great Barrington, we may have some friends up there this summer or this fall. Just as soon as I see a chance I will have you come up and we will make the trip.

We are, naturally, very busy this summer. I have finished my novel covering the history of the American Negro from 1876 to 1954 in 40 chapters, and am now correcting and re-writing it. I calculated that I should be through with the corrections by September.

Shirley has not only two books on hand but is studying Russian this summer at the Columbia summer session. You know what that is. That means that we will both have a lot to do all summer. However, if you want to come up for a week and sort of take care of yourself, we will be only too glad to see you. Let me hear from you.

With love,

DB:lh

W.E.B. Du Bois

27-1-4

July 30, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore, 17, Md.

Dear Yolande:

Remember one thing about a mortgage. Do not deal with loan sharks or intermediaries. Go to a first-class bank and consult a good lawyer.

You need not pay more than 4½% or 5% per annum on a mortgage, and a house like yours could easily raise a $2000 first mortgage. But as I say, a first-class lawyer and a first-class bank.

I am afraid I did not make myself clear about our house this summer. Always and at any time there is a room ready for you whenever you want to come here. The only point is it may not always be possible to serve meals to you, but there will be something in the refrigerator.

Yours with love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

27-1-10

August 24, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Yolande:

Here is that damned book for Edythe. If this isn't right I give up.

Shirley and I have just spent two weekends, one at White Lake in northern New York and one at Croton-on-the-Hudson. We had a very lovely rest.

Remember to drop up to look at us if you can.

I hope all is going well.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

1-9-27

November 15, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Md.

Dear Yolande:

I was terribly upset last night to know that you were worried about me or any fancied neglect. You must realise that as people get older time goes faster and they do not know how much rushes by. I had thought about you almost every day and had meant to call. I did not at all realise that it had been three months since I had written.

I am quite well, although of course getting steadily older so that I feel effort more and more, and we have had a great deal to do and to think about. First of all, as I told you, I am writing this novel which is going to be 1500 pages, in 42 chapters, and I have been giving every working hour to that, including dreams at night! Then I have done some articles, and planned another book which a publisher asked for but which there is slight chance of his taking.

Then, as you know, Marcantonio died. Without his experience and unselfish devotion I might be in jail now, and I felt I had to do everything I could.

Shirley, too, has had her troubles. You know her heart was set on publication of that novel about Aaron Burr on which she has been working six years or more. Finally, after 17 rejections, a publisher took it and gave her a contract and made a down payment. The editor was very enthusiastic. And then, at the last moment, the publishing house broke the contract. Of course in such a case there is no use going to law. If compelled, he would publish it and ruin it forever. So that made Shirley feel pretty low and she has had a hard time pulling up. However, the manuscript is now in England with some chance of its being published there. In the meantime she has written a new teen-age book on Booker Washington.

You can see with a few other things like this that we have been pretty busy, although I have kept to my schedule of getting to bed at 11 o'clock and up at 8 or later. This has kept me in good health.

I hope that you are taking care of yourself. I know you must have

had some experiences with the Integration muddle, and I shall want to hear about it. Shirley and I would like so much to have you come up Thanksgiving. Do you think you could make it?

I shall write to you again long before I have an answer to this.

Yours, with love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

December 2, 1954

Mrs. Yolande Du Bois Williams
2417 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore 17, Md.

My dear Yolande:

I hope you reached home safely and happily. We enjoyed very much having you with us and I hope you had a good time.

Naturally, the only thing that I want to harp upon is your overweight. It is a very easy matter to get rid of it, simply because it is due to your bread and butter, cream and candy. If you take the matter seriously you will remember that overweight is not only an inconvenience, it is a distinct handicap. It shortens your life, it overworks your heart, it helps on your arthritis, and it makes your work of moving about and running up and down stairs much more taxing.

One little method I used to use when I was getting too fat was to lay off cream and sugar in coffee and bread on weekdays, and then have a mild orgy on Sunday. That sort of left something nice to anticipate.

It will not be nearly as difficult to give up the fattening substances after you have once started it and keep to it.

The other thing is of course to insist on your having sufficiently nourishing food during the day. You ought to have one good meal with meat. That is extremely necessary.

Pardon the preaching. You know that is an old habit of mine.

Last night I attended and presided at the "National Guardian" dinner. It was a very fine occasion.

Let us hear from you soon.

With love,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

[Wisconsin- University of]

35 North Mills Street
Madison 5, Wisconsin
February 5, 1954

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
% Jefferson School of Social
Science
575 6th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The University of Wisconsin will be celebrating Brotherhood Week February 21-27. During this time the Student Senate Human Relations Committee, NAACP, the African Student Association, and various religious groups will be holding appropriate programs for the purposes of education and achieving practical results. Included among the programs contemplated are a petition campaign to end discrimination in University housing, a folk song-fest with Pete Seeger and Al Broonzy, and a forum entitled "Equality and Brotherhood in Our Time" scheduled for the evening of Sunday, February 21. The latter is meant to be the keynote event, designed to stimulate discussion and provoke interest in the subsequent activities of the Week.

We of the Student Senate Human Relations Committee would consider it a great honor should you accept this invitation to appear as a speaker in the above mentioned forum. To give you a general idea of what the nature of the forum will be, the topics to be discussed include the following: American foreign policy and the independence movements of colonial peoples; the fight to end segregation in the U. S.; economic problems confro nting Negroes in the U. S. (housing, jobs, sharecropping,etc.); cultural contributions of the Negroes in the U. S. What topic you will handle can be settled at a later date.

27-4-75

Our committee would find it difficult to pay you a fee, but we would be able to pay your travelling expenses and your room and board while in Madison. In this time of widespread misunderstanding and of a once more rampant crew of hate merchants, a reaffirmation of the principles of equality and brotherhood would be a decided contribution to world peace and democracy. It would make the junior Senator's own home state uncomfortable for him.

An immediate reply would be appreciated, since publicity and preliminary plans must be executed at once. Best wishes for a fruitful year whose harvest is peace and freedom for all the world's peoples.

Sincerely yours,

Martin J. Sklar

Martin J. Sklar
Human Relations Committee,
University of Wisconsin
Student Senate

[University of Wisconsin]

February 9, 1954

Mr. Martin J. Sklar
35 North Mills St.
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Sklar:

I regret to say that on February 21st I have an engagement to speak in Baltimore, Maryland, which I cannot break.

I appreciate your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois

DB:lh

21-4-76

May I then beg your interest: either in the shape of a letter to me or to President Eisenhower, or to prominent Americans whom you may know. Also in particular, will you spread knowledge of this situation in your own country, among your friends and in the public press so as to secure as wide cooperation as possible and start organized effort in Europe to free the victims of the Smith Act.

I am, dear Dr. Woelfel

Your obedient servant

W.E.B.DuBois

(Ph.D.,Harvard University, Member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters; Prizewinner of the World Council of Peace, 1953)

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

DuBois to Dr. Woelfel Cy March 4, 1954.

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

DuBois to J. D. Bernal, March 4. 1954. For complete form letter.

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CABLE "WOPOROW" NEWYORK

January 28, 1954.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
31 Grace Court,
Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am enclosing herewith check in the sum of $637.35, proceeds of the purchase price of the Great Barrington property. I also enclose the statement of Wheeler & Taylor, Inc., showing how the amount was arrived at.

Our firm is making no charge to you for the services rendered in this matter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

PLR:eb

Encl.

[Enc.]

TELEPHONE 1

WHEELER & TAYLOR, Inc.
REAL ESTATE-INSURANCE
GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.

ROBERT K. WHEELER
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JOSEPH KRAMER

January 27, 1954

Sale of DuBois property to James Bowen

Purchase price	700.
Commission	50.
Federal Stamps on Deed	1.00
State Stamps	1.55

Check to Dr.DuBois 647.35

27-4-44

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL JUSTICE
6 EAST 17 STREET
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

The enclosed Statement and Call will give you the facts of the injustice being perpetrated against Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram. The objective we seek is the ending of the life imprisonment of this Negro mother and her two sons at as early a date as possible. Already, as you can see, she has spent seven torturous years in Reidsville penitentiary.

I believe that end can be achieved only through the involvement of thousands of individuals in a supreme effort to move the Governor of the State of Georgia to take action in her behalf.

Will you join me as a signer of the enclosed statement which is being circulated to many prominent Americans in all walks of life? I am certain that your name will add weight to our urgent plea to the Governor.

You will note also that a Pilgrimage to Gov. Talmadge and to the Georgia Parole Board, as well as to Reidsville penitentiary, is being held on May 9 and 10, coincident with the observance of Mother's Day. This action also requires, it seems to me, the sponsorship and participation of prominent representatives of decent and democratic America.

As you can see by the calendar, time is of the essence. May I urge you to reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed card and envelope. In humanity's name, I hope your answer will be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Church Terrell

MARY CHURCH TERRELL
Chairman

[Enc.]

A STATEMENT:

Calling for the Freedom of

Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and Her Sons

To Governor Herman Talmadge,
To the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles:

Every hour that Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram suffers imprisonment widens and deepens the stain of dishonor on America's democratic record. Her imprisonment is a shameful and tragic abrogation of every principle of justice.

Widowed mother of 14 children, she was wantonly assaulted by a white neighbor. Repelling him with unexampled courage, her screams for help brought to her aid her 15 year-old son. To his valiant attempt to beat off this brute, the man, John Stratford, was unfortunately killed. She, Wallace and another son, not even on the premises then, suffered a summary racist trial and condemned to death.

Aroused public opinion saved these three lives -- but for what? To be imprisoned for life in a Georgia jail at the mercy of any harassment it might please prison personnel to mete out.

Seven long years it has been, with parole denied last December. Elementary decency demands their freedom for had they been white, they would have been praised, not condemned either to death or imprisonment for a mother's display of self-respect and a son's demonstration of courage.

The vice-president of the Georgia Bar Association, the Colored Elks and Walter White, distinguished head of the NAACP have all bitterly excoriated this case as a shocking aberration of justice.

To secure speedy, if belated, justice for the Ingrams should -- RIGHT NOW -- command the devoted action, not only of those who would obey the teachings of the faiths they practice, but also of every American whose heart and understanding are responsive to a cry for justice.

October 29, 1954

Mr. Bruno Bernini
World Federation of Democratic Youth
Benczur utca 34
Budapest, Hungrie

Dear Mr. Bernini:

I have your kind invitation of October 12 to attend the meeting of the Preparatory Committee in Vienna December 17, 1954 in order to prepare for the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship in July, 1955.

The United States will not grant me a passport for the December meeting. What will happen before August, 1955, I do not know, but probably the situation will be the same.

However, I should like to extend to your Committee and particularly to the participants in the 5th World Festival, my assurance of sympathy and cooperation in every way with the work which they are carrying on.

There is one hope in this distraught world, and that is the determination on the part of youth to fight against war and for international friendship, and to be willing to make any sacrifice for this great end.

I hope, then, that they will not falter in their object and in making the attendance upon this next meeting as great and inclusive as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

W.E.B. Du Bois
Doctor of Philosophy, Harvard Univ.;
Member of the National Institute of
Arts and Letters;
International Peace Priseman, 1952

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DuBois to World Federation of Democratic Youth, October 29, 1954.

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

International Union of Students to DuBois, October 12, 1954.